greater cohesiveness and infuse fresh blood with a view to revamp and invigorate the revenue collection drive.

(b) 107 officers on the rank of Collectors of Customs and Central Excise and Commissioners of Income Tax have been transferred during the last three months. None has, however, been demoted during this period.

Setting up of Directorate of Economic Intelligence

62. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the scope and functions of the Directorate of Economic Intelligence which is proposed to be set up under his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The proposal is presently under consideration of the Government. The scope and functions of the Directorate will be finalised soon.

Nationalisation of closed Textile Mills in Ahmedabad

63. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the INTUC and TIA to nationalise the closed textile mills in Ahmedabad and to accept the proposal submitted by the Gujarat Government with regard to reopening of the 12 closed textile units;

(b) whether the above organisations have also suggested for the allotment of adequate funds by the Central Government to Gujarat Government, to reopen the mills and to pay the legal dues of the workers;

(c) if so, how much financial assistance has been given to Gujarat Government so far; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government have as yet taken no decision in this regard.

Trade Agreement with The United States

64. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreements have recently been entered into with the United States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of Guidelines for the Distribution of Steel

65. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 625 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the guidelines with regard to the distribution of steel have since been reviewed; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Guidelines with regard to the distribution of iron and steel are still under review.

Seizure of narcotics in Delhi

66. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and nature of narcotics seized in Delhi during the last two months;

(b) what is the number of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to check this nefarious smuggling activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to the reports received by the Government, the particulars of narcotics seized and the number of persons arrested in Delhi during the months of May and June, 1985 are as under:—

Drug	No. of cases	Qty. seized (in Kgs.)	No. of persons arrested
Opium .	3	8.400	2
Charas .	4	514.775	2
Heroin .	2	19.550	3

(c) A draft for comprehensive legislation on narcotic drugs and pschotropic substances, *inter alia* providing for different punishment to check smuggling of such drugs and substances, is at advanced stage of finalisation for introduction in Parliament.

The field formations remain vigilant to check smuggling including that of narcotics. Appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. Close co-operation with the concerned international agencies is also maintained to curb smuggling of the drugs;

Rules and Regulations for Permitting Disinvestment of Equity by Foreign Investors

67. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the rules and regulations for permitting disinvestment of equity by a foreign investor other than NRI;

(b) whether these guidelines are available in any pried publication; if so, what is the name thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps Government are taking to make it make it easily available to public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India being the statutory authority, considers proposals under the provisions of FERA, 1973 for disinvestment of equity shares held by the foreign investors on merits. Specific guidelines in this regard have not been issued/published by Government.

Abolition of export duty on Pepper

68. SHRI M.M. JACOB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the pepper growers regarding abolition of export duty on pepper; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure remunerative price for the pepper growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pepper prices are continuing to be remunerative to the growers. The situation is kept under constant review.

India's Exports

69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of rise in India's exports during the last six months; and

(b) what are the names of the countries to which exports have shown a rising trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the provisional trade statistics available from DGCI&S, the exports during October-March, 1984-85 were Rs. 6176. 88 crores, which were 23.7 per cent higher than the corresponding provisional figure of Rs. 4991.73 crores during the period October-March, 1983-84.